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SUBJECT: LARGE QUANTITY OF RIFLES

SEIZED BY ISTANBUL POLICE

1. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 14; NEWSPAPER REPORT, ISTANBUL POLICE SEIZED 623 RIFLES MADE AT FABRICA DE ARMAS LA CORUNA, S SPANISH MILITARY FACTORY. THEY WERE REPORTEDLY DESTINED FOR ELAZIG IN EASTERN TURKEY, AND WERE SEIZED AS THEY WERE BEING SMUGGLED OUT OF A CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE IN ZEYTINBURNU DISTRICT OF INSTANBUL. RIFLES HAD APPEARENTLY BEEN BROUGHT INTO TURKEY FROM GERMANY BY RAIL AS HOUSEHOLD GOODS. FOLLOWING UP ON TIP, POLICE SEIZED TRUCK FOLLOWING ITS DEPARTURE FROM CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE AND ARRESTED NINE INDIVIDUALS, SEVEN OF THEM EMPLOYEES OF THE TURKIST STATE RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION, AND CONFISCATED BRIBE MONEY TOTALLING 530,000 TURKISH LIRA (33,000 UNITED STATES DOLLARS)

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2. ALTHOUGH CONGEN HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS, POLICE TOLD US

OF AN EARLY A.. AUGUST 13 SEIZURE OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF
RIFLES DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION CONCERNING
REQUEST BY CONGEN FOR APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF ISTANBUL
AIRPORT TERRORIST ATTACK. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DETAILS
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. BATJER

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